



## **CITY OF ROANOKE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

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**April 3, 2006**

Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor  
Honorable Beverly T Fitzpatrick, Jr., Vice Mayor  
Honorable M. Rupert Cutler, Council Member  
Honorable Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., Council Member  
Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Council Member  
Honorable Brenda L. McDaniel, Council Member  
Honorable Brian J. Wishneff, Council Member

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

**Subject: Request for Blue Ridge Behavioral  
Health to Act as Its Own Fiscal  
Agent**

### **Background:**

Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare is a community service board established by the political jurisdictions of Botetourt County, Craig County, the City of Roanoke, Roanoke County, and the City of Salem. For numerous years, the City of Salem has served as the fiscal agent for Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare due to restrictions contained in the old state law. The old state law required that a governing body of a city or county that initially established the board serve as its fiscal agent. However, effective October 1, 2005, state law was amended to allow community service operating boards, such as BRBH, to act as their own fiscal agent when authorized to do so by the governing body of each city or county that established it. This provision is contained in Section 37.2-504A.18 of the Code of Virginia.

At this point, BRBH is requesting that the City of Roanoke pass a resolution authorizing BRBH to serve as its own fiscal agent. I have reviewed the proposal from the BRBH and have no objections to City Council adopting a resolution to authorize BRBH to act as their own fiscal agent. The City of Salem, the current fiscal agent and entity most affected by this change, has raised no objections to

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this change. All other jurisdictions have agreed to propose a resolution for adoption on this matter as well.

Recommended Action:

City Council approve the resolution authorizing Blue Ridge Behavior Healthcare to act as its own fiscal agent.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darlene L. Burcham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Darlene" being more prominent than the last name "Burcham".

Darlene L. Burcham  
City Manager

DLB:fg

c: Mary F. Parker, City Clerk  
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